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## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket Number

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

## OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTOR WITH MOLDED LOCKING COMPONENT

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on 12 November 2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/US2004/038152 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below.

<u>60/519,914</u> (Application Number)	<u>14 November 2004</u> (Filing Date)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

<u>PCT/US2004/038152</u>	<u>12 November 2004</u>	<u>pending</u>
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## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION (continued)

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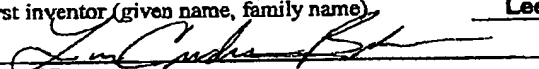
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